

## LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH AMONG SAN DIEGO COUNTY RESIDENTS, 2006-2008

Rank, Number and Percent of Deaths, and Age-adjusted Rates

RANK in 2008 <sup>a</sup>	RANK in 2007 <sup>a</sup>	CAUSE OF DEATH <sup>b</sup>	NUMBER AND PERCENT OF DEATHS						2006-2008		AGE-ADJUSTED RATES <sup>c</sup>		
			2006		2007		2008		n	%	2006	2007	2008
			n	%	n	%	n	%					
1	2	Diseases of heart	4,830	25.1	4,743	24.8	4,752	24.5	14,325	24.8	160.6	152.4	146.9
2	1	Malignant neoplasms	4,638	24.1	4,812	25.1	4,715	24.3	14,165	24.5	160.4	162.6	155.0
3	5	Alzheimer's disease	1,030	5.3	1,019	5.3	1,142	5.9	3,191	5.5	33.1	31.5	33.9
4	3	Cerebrovascular diseases	1,147	6.0	1,122	5.9	1,121	5.8	3,390	5.9	38.3	36.2	34.9
5	4	Chronic lower respiratory diseases	1,046	5.4	1,023	5.3	1,044	5.4	3,113	5.4	35.9	34.1	33.7
6	6	Accidents (unintentional injuries)	924	4.8	995	5.2	932	4.8	2,851	4.9	29.9	31.5	29.0
7	7	Diabetes mellitus	612	3.2	520	2.7	571	2.9	1,703	2.9	21.2	17.5	18.4
8	8	Intentional self-harm (suicide)	290	1.5	358	1.9	359	1.8	1,007	1.7	9.5	11.6	11.3
9	10	Influenza and pneumonia	391	2.0	292	1.5	338	1.7	1,021	1.8	12.9	9.1	10.2
10	9	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	252	1.3	315	1.6	334	1.7	901	1.6	8.5	10.4	10.9
11	11	Essential (primary) hypertension and hypertensive renal disease	283	1.5	233	1.2	276	1.4	792	1.4	9.3	7.4	8.3
12	12	Parkinson's disease	235	1.2	203	1.1	221	1.1	659	1.1	7.9	6.5	7.1
13	13	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome and nephrosis	192	1.0	189	1.0	182	0.9	563	1.0	6.5	6.3	5.8
14	20	Neoplasms - in situ, benign or of unknown behavior	103	0.5	100	0.5	126	0.6	329	0.6	3.5	3.3	4.1
15	18	Viral hepatitis	69	0.4	103	0.5	120	0.6	292	0.5	2.3	3.3	3.8
		All Other Causes	3,224	16.7	3,130	16.3	3,175	16.4	9,529	16.5			
		<b>TOTAL DEATHS</b>	<b>19,266</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>19,157</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>19,408</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>57,831</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>646.1</b>	<b>624.6</b>	<b>612.5</b>

<sup>a</sup> Rank is based on total number of deaths in each of the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) "rankable" categories. The top 15 leading causes of death presented here are based on the county-wide rank among San Diego residents in 2008.

<sup>b</sup> Cause of death is based on the underlying cause of death reported on death certificates as classified by ICD-10 codes.

<sup>c</sup> All rates are per 100,000 population and are adjusted to 2000 U.S. Standard Population. Rates may vary slightly from previously published data due to updated population estimates.

Source: California Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, Office of Health Information and Research, Death Statistical Master Files; SANDAG January 1 population estimates (Original Estimates 2009\_Revised 2001-2008)

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